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(President of the General Assembly)

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The meeting was called to order at 11.15 a.m.

Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items (*continued*)

Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by Saint Lucia (A/59/233)

1. **The Chairman** said that the inclusion of an additional item entitled "Observer status for the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States in the General Assembly" had been requested by Saint Lucia (A/59/233). The representative of Saint Lucia had asked to participate in the discussion of the item in accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure.

2. *At the invitation of the President, Mr. Severin (Saint Lucia) took a place at the Committee table.*

3. **Mr. Severin** (Saint Lucia), speaking on behalf of the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), said that OECS had its headquarters in Saint Lucia. It was a constituent element of the Caribbean Community and a member of both the Association of Caribbean States and the Organization of American States; it also maintained excellent relations with other international organizations. In particular, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund often preferred to deal with OECS as a whole rather than with its individual member countries.

4. *The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include the additional item in the agenda of the fifty-ninth session under heading 1 ("Organizational, administrative and other matters" and that it should be allocated to the Sixth Committee.*

5. *Mr. Severin (Saint Lucia) withdrew.*

Letter dated 8 October 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Canada addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/59/424)

6. **The Chairman** drew attention to the letter dated 8 October 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Canada (A/59/424) concerning the joint debate on agenda items 21 ("The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict") and 24 ("Prevention of armed conflict"). The Permanent Representative of Canada requested that the debate on the two items should be separated and the debate on agenda item 21 be rescheduled to a later date.

7. *The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the debate on agenda items 21 and 24 should be separated.*

8. **The Chairman** announced that in view of the time frame for the availability of documentation concerning agenda items 21 ("The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict") and 24 ("Prevention of armed conflict"), consideration of the two agenda items would be rescheduled separately at a later date to be announced.

9. *The Committee took note of that information.*

The meeting rose at 11.20 a.m.